Call for Artists
Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Constellation on H Private Art Installation

The Project
14th & H, LLC is seeking an artist(s) to create a site-specific original sculpture at 1402 H Street, NE to be permanently installed as an art feature for Constellation on H, a private 28-unit condominium building. The opportunity is open to established professional artists living in the Washington, DC Metro Region. The application deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday, November 3, 2017.

The Award
A maximum of a $15,000 Commission for the artist(s) selected to realize his/her work.

Project Intent (Scope of Work)
The location for this permanent art sculpture will be on the corner of Florida Avenue & H Street, NE outside of Constellation on H. This is a highly visible area for traffic in and out of the H street corridor. The vision for this project is a signature and original sculpture highlighting the creative elements of the building, especially but not limited to the vibrancy and history of Ward 6 and the property in addition to the branding concepts and designs integrated at Constellation on H. This site specific art work should:

- Demonstrate artistic excellence
- Enhance the condominium building (Florida Avenue & H Street, NE) with a distinctive aesthetic experience both highly visible and welcoming to residents and pedestrians along H Street, as well as those traveling in vehicles and bicyclists
- Provide a recognizable identity for Constellation on H in tandem with branding and architectural guidelines
- Be an original piece of art appropriate for outdoor installation and appropriate to stand up to severe weather, vandalism, graffiti, etc. and be adequately safe and secured
- Consider site limitations
- Consider maintenance and up-keep
- Ground space on the site is limited and will require selected artist(s) to consider site limitations and placement previously determined by site architect and owner
- The design of the artwork must be anchored into concrete footers
• Longevity must be in mind – this is a sculpture that must withstand 20+ years
• Provide excitement and interest for the community as a whole
• Celebrate Ward 6’s rich heritage and Constellation on H identity
• www.constellationonhdc.com

Project Timeline

October 4, 2017 – November 3, 2017: Call for Artists & RFPs submitted by 5:00 PM deadline
November 4, 2017 – November 19, 2017: Selection Process
November 20, 2017: Artist(s) Selected and Commissioned
November 21, 2017 – November 24, 2017: Artist(s) Meeting Scheduled with Ownership
November 25, 2017 – December 31, 2017: Artist(s) Fabrication
Q1 2018: Installation Date (TBD)

Information about the site and location

This dynamic, little corner of DC has nightlife, restaurants, festivals and a true sense of community. Constellation on H is the perfect complement, with thoughtful features and amenities designed to make you feel right at home. Constellation on H is where cool meets sophisticated — where young singles and couples can make an especially brilliant life. Constellation on H is where all the stars align.

H Street’s brightest and most exciting new construction project that combines solid concrete construction with high end design and set to be a star on the skyline of H Street / Washington DC.

Considered one of the nightlife centers of the city, H Street boasts an eclectic blend of music venues and entertainment options. Catch an award winning show at the Atlas Performing Arts Center or a rock concert at Rock and Roll Hotel. Get inspired at the H Street Festival, the neighborhood’s largest event, complete with musical performances, multi-cultural events and art exhibits.

Eligibility

The competition is open to established professional artists that reside in the Washington, DC Metro Region. Only professional artists with reviewable portfolios are eligible to apply. Artist(s) must be able to provide at least three (3) referrals with their submission. A background check may be administered before chosen artist is deemed eligible including an Arrest and Conviction Statement. The artist will be selected by a panel, as determined by 14th & H, LLC. The artist(s) selection panel will consider artistic diversity as one factor in the selection process.

Applicants who wish to be considered for this outdoor sculpture installation must have experience delivering on a deadline and working directly with a private entity. They must have a proven ability to manage all aspects of the project including but not limited to fabrication of their own work and working with fabricators and installers. The artwork for this site must reflect the Project Intent (Scope of Work) as described above.
The Commissioned Artist(s) will be required to provide evidence of appropriate liability, property damage and workers compensation insurance while working on site.

### How to Apply

Artists interested in this project must prepare and submit the following to constellationartists@gmail.com for consideration by 14th & H, LLC selection panel by the deadline.

Please submit all documentation at once. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- **Proposed Artwork Concept for Constellation on H.** This proposal shall include conceptual design drawings, sketches and/or maquette, sufficient to communicate the artist concept submitted at one time only and not subject to change.

- Establish a **timeline/schedule**

- Include a **budget**

- **Description of the specifications** for the artwork related to materials, size, weight, installation requirements and maintenance guidelines.

- **Letter of Interest**, no more than one page in length, which explains your interest in the competition. Please include your name and contact information.

- **Artist’s Statement**, no more than 200 words in length, describing your work and vision.

- **Current Resume.** *If submitting as a team, an individual resume should be submitted for each team member.*

- A list of at least **three professional references** familiar with your work and working methods. The list must include complete dates, addresses and telephone numbers.

- **Work samples** uploaded to a digital platform to be reviewed, including but not limited to power point, CD or video of your work. You should list your name and the titles, dates, media, and dimensions of your work. *Artists applying as a team should submit work samples of each individual artist’s work.*

- Optional - each artist can include up to three selections of support materials such as reviews, news articles, web links and other related information.

### Final Artist Selection:
14th & H, LLC will review the submissions and select an artist(s) to create an original site-specific sculpture. If the panel deems not to have enough submissions in the allotted time period, the submission period may be extended*. The final commission of artwork for the site will be awarded during a private event, to be determined no later than two (2) weeks after the submission closing date of Friday, November 3, 2017.

**Criteria for Selection:**

- An initial proposal that reflects project intent as described in this document
- A body of work reflecting artistic excellence
- Experience working on private art installations in an expedited setting
- Resident of Washington, DC Metro Region
- Experience fabricating and installing permanent artwork suitable for the outdoor environment
- References provided as part of the application will be contacted prior to final selection
- Applicants may be requested to submit for background check and complete an Arrest and Conviction statement

*Note:

14th & H, LLC is under no obligation to award a Commission for artwork based on the Conceptual Design Proposals submitted. Beyond formal notifications, 14th & H, LLC will not enter into any correspondence or communication regarding their decision.

**Once an artist is selected, they will be entered into a contractual agreement to be executed.

**Additional Information:**

The selected artist will receive a Contract for the Commission in the maximum amount of $15,000 which must be sufficient for all entirety of and remaining elements of the project including fabrication, shipping, and installation. Any artist who exceeds this maximum value will be responsible for all additional costs.

**Termination of Agreement**

If any of the terms outlined in this Call for Artists are not met by the Commissioned Artist(s) at any time, in accordance with the executed agreement with 14th & H, LLC, the issuer reserves the right to recoup any payments made to the artist including the awarded amount not to exceed $15,000.00.